

said tubular set, said blood flows through the flow path back to the patient.

36. The method of claim 34 in which said method follows a priming step in which the patient connector and the second connector are connected together to form a closed loop of tubing, priming solution is passed from a solution source through said first branch tube, the second connector, and the patient connector, to fill the set tubing with said solution, followed by disconnecting the patient connector, and subsequent connection of the patient connector with the vascular system of a patient.

37. The method of claim 34 in which each of said connectors has a minimum flow-through bore diameter of at least about 2mm.

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#### REMARKS

A check for \$354.00 is provided as the extra claim filing fee for 15 extra claims, and one extra independent claim. There are four independent claims after this amendment. Please charge Seyfarth Shaw Deposit Account 19-1351 for any extra charges.

Support for the claims is found in the disclosure of this application, particularly at the last paragraph of page 13 of the specification.

Applicant's attorney also wishes to make of record those references which are of record in the parent patents. These references are as cited and available in

the file histories of the parent Utterberg U.S. Patents 6,290,665 and 6,387,069.

A PTO Reference Citation Form is enclosed.

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